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## HERE COMES JENNINGS —WITH DARBISHIRE

Anthony Buckeridge talks to the CN  
about two popular schoolboys

On page 9 we give the first chapter of a new story by Anthony Buckeridge—a rollicking story shedding new light on the astonishing school careers of Jennings and his right-hand man, Darbshire. Here, in an interview with a CN correspondent, Anthony Buckeridge gives some fascinating sidelights on the characters of these two engaging schoolboys, and also tells of their rise to radio fame.

PERHAPS one of the most unusual features about the Third Form of Linbury Court Preparatory School, Sussex, is the fact that the hero is not the captain of junior school, captain of games, or even captain of the Form.

Jennings is an average eleven-year-old boy. He is good at games, and of course prefers the playing fields to the class-room. His position in the Form is fixed firmly at the halfway mark.

With automatic regularity his Form master, Old Wilkie (Mr. Wilkins), and Mr. Carter, the senior master, write the word *Fair* on the end-of-term report.

### NO REBEL

If they were content to stop at that, Jennings would accept the assessment as reasonable. It is that odious—and, in Jennings' opinion, uncalled for—addition, *Could do better*, which makes him view masters as thorns in the sides of schoolboys.

There is nothing, however, of the calculated rebel about Jennings. He is normally a polite boy who respects authority and the need for rules. He might bend them, perhaps, but he certainly does not regard rules as things to be broken.

Rules do get broken, but without any premeditated wilful intent. They are broken accidentally, or they are broken because something so special or important arises that Jennings is positive that Mr. Carter would say it was all right. Mr. Carter, of course, is never at hand to be asked first.

### SOURCE OF TROUBLE

Jennings' chief fault, the characteristic that lands him constantly in trouble, is his impetuosity.

A thought occurs to him. "Wouldn't it be wonderful if . . ." he says to himself; and, without stopping to think any further, immediately sets the idea in motion.

His friend Darbshire is more far-seeing, but powerless to restrain Jennings' enthusiasm, which sweeps aside all objections. In fact, more often than not, the result of Darbshire's woeful anticipation and fears is to land

the pair in even greater trouble, and it may take some impetuous action on the part of Jennings to save the day.

Darbshire is the more intellectual of the two boys. He is only one place above Jennings in the Form, but this is largely due to the distractions of adventures in which his friendship is forever landing him. Otherwise he would probably develop into a swot, for he has no aptitude, and no liking, for games.

### MAGNET FOR MUD

He wears spectacles that are apt "to sit athwart his nose like a percentage sign" when somebody claps him on the back. The lenses also have a magnetic attraction for any mud, paint, or other obscuring matter that is to hand.

The son of a parson, Darbshire is apt to trot out the weighty wisdom of his father's pulpit sayings at the most inopportune moments.

"My father says," he proclaims, "that an ounce of patience is worth a ton of . . ."

Seldom is he allowed to finish whatever it is that his father says. At a time when situations are at their blackest, parental sayings have quite the opposite effect to soothing the feelings of his fellows in misfortune.

### LONG-SUFFERING MASTER

The long-suffering victim of Jennings' ideas is usually Old Wilkie. A quick-tempered, impatient master, he takes things as they are, and fails to appreciate that there may be a logical reason to explain a boy's unusual behaviour.

To Mr. Wilkins it is just monstrous silliness that Jennings should wear boxing gloves when going to bed, for instance. Mr. Carter, the senior master, who is a quieter, more experienced, and more understanding man, would have discerned that the purpose of the boxing gloves was to hide Jennings' hands.

This, in fact, was the case. From the best of motives, Jennings had disobeyed an order putting the swimming bath out of bounds. The bath had been newly painted,

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*Southward bound  
with piping  
times in  
store*



### PLAYGROUNDS IN KRUGER PARK

South Africa's Kruger National Park game reserve is now being improved under a ten-year plan to provide better facilities for tourists.

A number of permanent dwellings in keeping with the bushveld surroundings are to be erected, and an institute for the study of feeding and general habits of wild life is also being established.

At various parts of the reserve children's playgrounds are being set up.

### CATCHING A HARE

Driving home one evening, Mr. W. Triggs, of Cury, Cornwall, saw a hare in the beam of his car's headlights. It ran almost up to the car and then jumped sideways, falling into the bushes.

Mr. Triggs stopped, opened the car door to see where it had fallen, and the hare jumped in through the open door onto the driver's seat.

The famous Dagenham Girl Pipers are on their way to Australia, where they are to make a 40-week tour, and may appear before the Queen in Sydney. Here we see the youngest member of the band, 15-year-old Margaret Boorman.

### HE HAS CYCLED 286,000 MILES

Paddy Irwin, a wiry little 40-year-old Irishman, arrived at Ndola in Northern Rhodesia not long ago, after having cycled 286,000 miles in 21 years. He has worn out six bicycles in the course of his journey.

Paddy claims to have been the first man to cross the Sahara Desert on a bicycle, and it took him 35 days.

He found the first 500 miles of the desert hard sand, with an oasis almost every 100 miles.

"I lived mostly on palm dates and carried my water in a two-gallon goatskin bag," he said.

### MOVING A TOWN

The biggest town in the Canadian Arctic, Aklavik, is to be moved to an entirely new place.

It has been discovered that more than half the soil on which the town stands consists of water in the form of ice crystals, thus making it impossible to have a proper water supply and main drainage.

When the new site has been chosen roads will be made and a water supply and sewers laid down.

Heavy tractors will then be used to haul whole buildings along the frozen Mackenzie River—a task which may take two winters.

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## PERSIA AND BRITAIN TO TRY AGAIN

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

FOR 14 months the Governments of Britain and Persia have not been on speaking terms as a consequence of the oil dispute. But with the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries, that bleak and uncompromising situation has ended, and there are hopes that even the oil problem, which arose after Persia's nationalisation act, will be settled on a basis of justice to both sides.

Naturally, doubts and anxieties so long held cannot be cleared away all at once by either country, and the way to settlement will not be easy.

Nevertheless, now that Mr. Mossadeq is no longer Prime Minister of Persia, and other personalities have taken the lead there, many clouds have been dispelled.

The young Shah and his beautiful Queen Soraya last year had to flee the country while the struggle for political supremacy between Mossadeq and his rivals came to a head.

### DEMOCRATIC RULER

Then the monarchy was re-established, and it is significant that the Shah has always tried to uphold the Persian parliamentary constitution. Given reasonable conditions, democracy and the rule of law is far from being lost to Persia.

General Zahedi has been nominated Prime Minister, and the Shah supported his bold coup which turned out Mossadeq, an opponent of measures which were intended to help the poverty-stricken masses.

Many of the poorest people have benefited from the Shah's generosity, and new efforts to improve conditions can be expected.

But the disorders created during Mossadeq's regime must first be smoothed away. Constitutional

rule through the Majlis, the Persian Parliament, has to be re-asserted.

General Zahedi has already set his hand to these tasks, and there is no doubt that much depends upon this handsome 60-year-old army officer, who is devoted to his country but comparatively inexperienced as a statesman.

A man of action, quick to make decisions, General Zahedi has the good statesman's qualities of courage and resolution.

But in his dealings with Britain he will also need the good statesman's wisdom and tolerance, and the belief is that he will also exercise these qualities.

His name, it might be noted, comes from the Arabic word meaning, "the virtuous."

### SUSPICIOUS OF BRITAIN

But it must also be remembered that there are other influential men in Persia whose deep-rooted suspicion of Britain remains.

One is the formidable Mullah Kashani, the Islamic Nationalist leader, able to rouse mobs to angry fervour. Another is Hossain Makki, once an N.C.O. in the Persian Air Force, who became a bitter opponent of this country.

Britain, for her part, has to make it clear that suspicions of her intentions are groundless, and that agreement on important issues such as the oil problem will benefit both countries alike.

## Here comes Jennings

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and Jennings returned with paint on his hands.

When Mr. Wilkins was heard approaching the dormitory, Jennings' only chance of hiding the paint was to pull on a pair of boxing gloves.

It was in a dormitory that the first tales of Jennings' adventures were told. As he made his "lights out" rounds the master, Anthony Buckeridge, turned to memories of his own prep. school days to satisfy the requests for a bedtime story. His own school companion was, in fact, named Jennings, and "I remember the time Jennings..." soon became a favourite dormitory theme at the school where he was teaching.

At first the stories had a basis of fact elaborated into fiction. They had started a wall newspaper, for example. When the paper began to get out of hand, authority stepped in and stopped it. But suppose authority had not done so?

Fact turned to fiction and a Jennings adventure was born as Anthony Buckeridge went to work answering the question.

Several of his plays had already been broadcast when Anthony Buckeridge submitted the first Jennings script, intended for adult audiences, to the BBC in 1948. The play was passed, however, to the children's department, who accepted it and commissioned a series.

When the Children's Hour request week came round, Jennings was firmly established at the top of the popularity poll.

As a result, ever since then with radio plays and books—including a grand new serial specially written for CN—that Anthony Buckeridge has retired from teaching to give the wayward pupil of his creation whole-time attention.

Meanwhile, Timothy and Sally Buckeridge read their father's scripts and keep him up to date with the popular jargon that Jennings and his school-mates should be using.

Do not miss Anthony Buckeridge's new story, *According to Jennings*, which begins in the CN this week, on page 9.

## HE CHALLENGED THE WILDS

One of the greatest adventure-seekers of our times, Swiss-born Aimé Felix Tschiffely, has followed his two pony comrades, Mancha and Gato, across the Great Divide.

And how ironic it is that this heroic man who sought and lived with danger and hardship should die in a London hospital bed after an operation at the age of 58.

He achieved world-wide fame when he rode 10,000 miles from Buenos Aires to Washington in 2½ years, from 1925 to 1927, and described it in his book,

### Cooking in bed



This cookery lesson is being given at a children's hospital at Stanington in Northumberland. Irene Cruickshank, aged 11, is rolling her pastry while the teacher looks on.

Tschiffely's Ride. It was probably the longest and most difficult horseback journey ever made.

But he always shared the honour of the feat with his two Patagonian ponies, which took it in turns to carry him or his kit. In his book he wrote "We" instead of "I."

They carried him across the rolling South American pampas, scaled the Bolivian Andes, struggled through the Peruvian sands, crossed swinging pole-and-plank bridges, swam alligator-infested rivers. The dauntless three shivered among the snows of the mountains, and sweltered in Atacama and Panama.

Seven years later, when he returned to South America, Gato and Mancha in their paddock recognised him instantly. Gato died in 1944 and Mancha in 1947. A stone memorial to them stands in a lonely part of the Pampas.

Tschiffely came to school in Britain and was later a school-master. He went to Buenos Aires as temporary headmaster of the English High School there, but the challenge of adventure in the wild places of the Earth soon called him from the classroom.

Later he became a successful writer, his last book, *The Man from Woodpecker Creek*, which was reviewed in the CN recently, being for boys and girls.

### FROM FIRE TO FIREPLACE

When some firemen were fighting a blaze near Paris during a cold day, spray from their hoses soaked them and made them like statues of ice! They were soon thawed out in front of a farmhouse fire.

## News from Everywhere

### HORSE SENSE

Kansas has repealed a statute requiring horses to be registered with the insect department of the Board of Agriculture.

A flying saucer passed over Arras in 1461, according to an old document discovered in this French town.

Eight-year-old Gillian Power of Seven Kings captured an escaped monkey which had defied the police.

### ADVANCE OF TV

Television services are in operation in 21 countries and 31 more are preparing services, says a Unesco booklet.

Nearly 50 sheets of unpublished music by Vincenzo Bellini, the Sicilian composer, have been found at Catania, his native town.

A new world duration record for two-seater gliders—56 hours 11 minutes—has been set up in France.

### KEEPING THEIR HANDS IN

The latest annual report from the Royal Mint states that 318,000 sovereigns were made during 1951 to give practice in gold coining to younger workers.

As a tribute to the memory of George VI and to mark the accession of Queen Elizabeth, Mr. William Boney has given to the National Trust a Cornish headland near Tintagel Castle, legendary court of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

### YOUNG VERGERS

Two young people in neighbouring parishes in Nottinghamshire are successfully carrying out Church duties that are usually associated with older people.

Jill Pearce, a 16-year-old school-girl, is the verger of the little parish church at Linby. She sings in the choir as well.

A mile or so away, in the village of Papplewick, the verger is another 16-year-old—Brian Davis.

The Rev. L. I. Butler, who is in charge of both churches, is full of praise for the efforts of his two young vergers, and commends to other parishes the idea of training young people for such work.

### PROUD TROOP

Senior Scout John Bentley of 2nd Farsley, Leeds (Baptist) Troop, has been awarded the Queen's Scout Badge. He is the fourth member of the troop to attain this highest award in Scouting.

Missing for many years, the Royal Charter granted to Thaxted, Essex, by James I has been found among the archives of a family who lived at Thaxted at the time.

A lighthouse in Connecticut is included in a U.S. Government surplus sale.

In a codling caught at Exmouth was a two-inch ivory elephant.

### THINGS TO COME

Specimen income tax forms are to be supplied to American schools to show pupils how to fill them in.

A new department store in Moscow has a mile-and-a-half of counters and a staff of 5000.

The brakes of a lorry manufactured in Philadelphia are automatically applied when the driver leaves his seat. If the engine is left running, a delayed timing device switches it off after three minutes.

The cattle market which has been held at Robertsbridge, Sussex, for 700 years has been transferred to Battle.

Troops in Korea have sent £200 to the Westminster Abbey fund.

### FOUR-MINUTE MILE

Some of the world's greatest runners have been trying for years to run a mile in four minutes.

So it was not surprising that officials at the recent Staffordshire cross-country championships scratched their heads when a boy winner of the mile race was timed to do less than four minutes—and this over a difficult course.

Eyebrows were raised even higher when the youths' race over three miles was timed at 13½ minutes.

Explanation was found in the fog that lay thickly over the course at the time. In the gloom most of the boys had taken the wrong turning—and a shorter route!

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## HOME AGAIN FROM ANTARCTICA

Three times down into the Antarctic within 12 months—that is the record of a man who arrived at Melbourne recently on the polar ship Kista Dan.

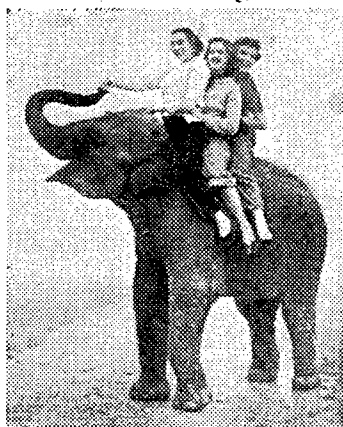
He is Mr. Richard Thompson, supply chief and small boat expert of the Australian Antarctic Expedition.

Last January he was at Heard Island with the ice vessel Tottan in the annual change-over of parties there. The ship was almost wrecked twice and rode out a 120 m.p.h. hurricane.

In March he sailed to Macquarie Island for the relief. While directing the landing of stores at this outpost, boats and pontoons were swamped, but Mr. Thompson and his assistants were saved by their life-jackets.

Now Mr. Thompson is just back home after a second spell at Macquarie, in which another relief was completed in record time.

## All Friends Together



Valli the elephant gives a ride to three visitors to Whipsnade.

## FIRST AND LAST

Mr. Somerset Maugham has given the manuscripts of his first and last novels, *Liza of Lambeth* and *Catalina*, to his old school at Canterbury.

The first story was written in school exercise books in 1895.

## RARE CHALK FIND

Big deposits of superfine chalk have been found under the Yorkshire Wolds at Lund, near Driffield. The only other deposit of this quality chalk, which is softer than that usually found, is near the frontier between Switzerland and France.

This type of chalk gives a greater durability and glossiness to linoleum, paint, and rubber, and is used in paper manufacture, plastics, pottery, toothpaste, cosmetics, and even confectionery. The deposits are estimated at about 20,000,000 tons and valued at £180,000,000.

The chalk may become a big dollar earner. Already supplies are being sent to Canada, the West Indies, and Australia, and other countries are interested.

## AFTER THE RAINS

Cattlemen of Australia's Northern Territory had an unexpected "bonus" from the torrential downpours which flooded the driest country in the Southern Hemisphere at the end of last year. Mushrooms have been found popping up almost everywhere.

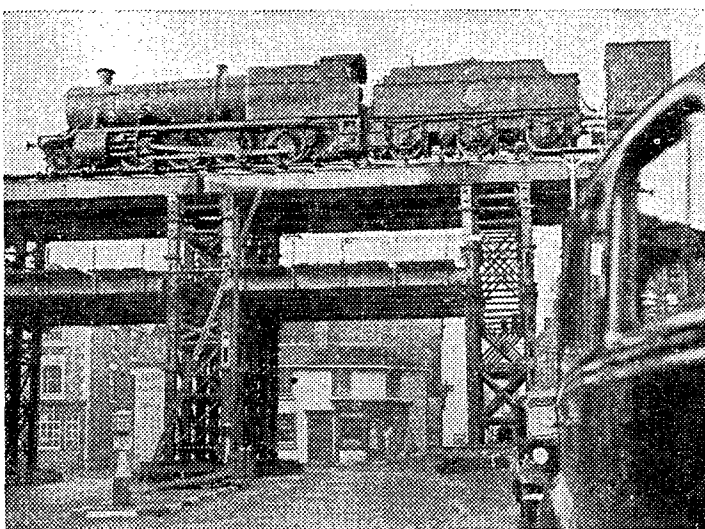
Oddly enough, some of the veteran cattlemen who have been droving over 50 years have never seen them before. They are typical of the wonderful profusion of growth which always follows big rains in the dry "centre."

## BOTTLE POST

A bottle containing a message was thrown into the sea at Lowestoft, last year, by Miss Ann Howard.

She has now had a letter from an RAF man serving in Egypt, saying that he picked up the bottle in Port Said docks—only nine weeks later.

To cover the 3500 miles to Egypt, the bottle seems to have been carried there at the surprising speed of more than 50 miles a day.



## Engine-spotters' delight

This temporary bridge across the main street of Shifnall in Shropshire allows a good view of passing locomotives.

## THIS VILLAGE IS A BORDERLINE CASE

Voting papers are to solve a problem which has long vexed the people who live in the Buckinghamshire village of Winchmore Hill.

The boundaries of three parishes meet in Winchmore Hill. The local grocer, for instance, lives in Amersham parish but steps out of his front door into Penn, or from his back garden into Coleshill territory.

But none of these parishes has officially adopted Winchmore Hill, and so the village lacks many amenities.

It has no post office, school, or policeman. Young Winchmore Hill has to go by bus to schools in nearby villages.

But now at last the villagers are to choose by ballot to which parish they will belong. Amersham is making no claim, so their choice lies between Penn and Coleshill.

## BRINGING UP RHINO

Galahad was little more than two feet high, a sad little rhinoceros who had wandered out of the tall jungle grass to cause destruction in the Assam rice fields.

He was captured, stabled in the staff theatre, and guarded by four Nepali porters. Feeding him was a problem, but everyone helped to teach Galahad to lap up milk—12 quarts a day.

Eventually he was sent to the Paris Zoo, where his foster-parents saw him 14 years later, a big friendly rhino weighing two tons.

The story of Galahad's upbringing can be read in the February issue of *WORLD DIGEST*, now on sale everywhere, price 1s. 6d.

## PRIDE OF THE TYNE

World Harmony, a 33,000-ton oil tanker, which has just been built at Newcastle-on-Tyne and will be launched next month, is the biggest ever constructed in the United Kingdom. It will be used to transport crude oil from the Persian Gulf to United Kingdom ports.

Two larger tankers, each of 44,000 tons, are now on order with a Barrow-in-Furness firm.

## BRAVE YOUNG ARTIST

The 50,000 RAF Christmas cards sold last month were painted by 22-year-old David Jackson, an aircraftman whose limbs are paralysed. Unable to move hand or foot, David holds his paintbrush between his teeth.

David, who is one of the most cheerful and best-loved patients at the Star and Garter Home at Richmond, was 18 when he joined the RAF and within a few months fell a victim of polio. Two years ago an occupational therapy expert suggested that David should try to write or draw by holding a pencil in his teeth.

Within a short time he was able to produce sketches and paintings above the average.

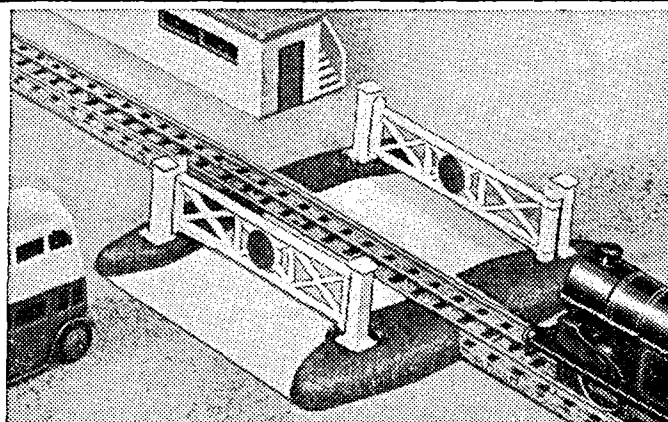
## LAST YEAR'S BOOKS

Novels are still the favourite books of the reading public in this country.

In 1953, according to the Bookseller 18,257 titles were produced by British publishers, and of these 4301 were fiction—120 more than in 1952. A long way second came children's books, 1590, then educational books with 1365, and books on religion, 898. Reprints and new editions totalled 5523.

Although a few travel and adventure books were very popular, this class was at the bottom of the list at 149.

In spite of an increase in fiction and children's books, last year's total number of titles was 484 fewer than that of 1952.



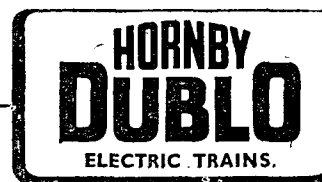
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## The head man

Horace Saville of Matching Green in Essex is a man of many parts, for in addition to being the village blacksmith he is well-known as an artist and poet. Now he has added sculpture to his interests, and these heads stand on his small lawn.



# TAKING THE COUNT AT WHIPSNADE

By Craven Hill, C N Zoo Correspondent

WHIPSNADE ZOO, like its parent menagerie at Regent's Park, is now completing its yearly "census." While, at the time of writing, final results are not known, it is clear that last year's total of 1419 animals will be exceeded.

In the 34-acre London Zoo the big count-up of stock is done on the last day of the year and is comparatively straightforward; but at Whipsnade, which has 500 acres, it is not possible for the task to be completed in a day. Taking the "census" there is spread over several weeks.

ENUMERATING the animals is more complicated at Whipsnade, chiefly because of the large number of small deer, wallabies, and other creatures which are allowed to roam freely over the estate. These free-roaming animals—particularly the muntjac, cavies, and wallabies—have a habit, when visitors decrease, of straying to the most isolated spots, and to track down each specimen often means a prolonged search.

ODDLY enough, one of the deer which should have escaped being counted this year has now had to be included in the annual count-up. This is an animal which was to have been sent in exchange to Hamburg Zoo early in December.

The trouble was to catch him. Keepers made several attempts to round him up, but failed each

time. Now, Mr. E. H. Tong, the superintendent, tells me that this wily and elusive creature will have to remain "on the strength" until a later date.

"When it turns really cold the deer will all come in to their shelters, and we ought then to be able to secure him fairly easily," he said.

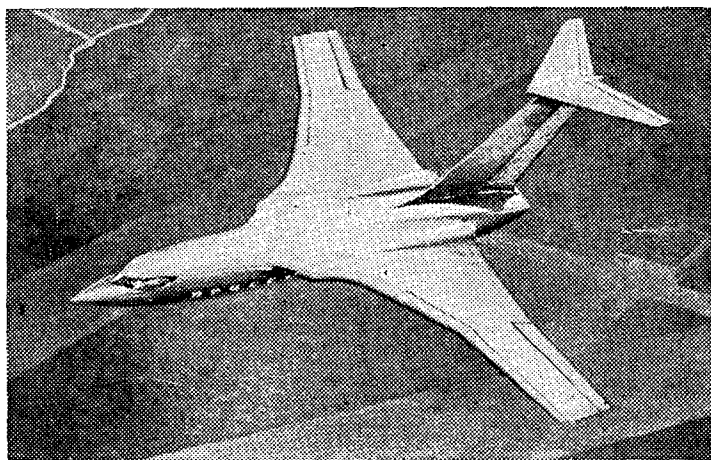
WHIPSNADE'S bird population is also up this year, particularly in the waterfowl and gamebird sections, where many new families have been bred. Next year the increase is likely to continue, for the Zoopark has recently purchased over 100 homing budgerigars from the late Duke of Bedford's executors.

These "homing budgies" are a special strain evolved by the late duke on his estate at Woburn, Beds. They are of all colours and are able to return home over short distances of a mile or so.

A bird house based on the quarters that the duke designed at Woburn is now being built at Whipsnade. The roof will contain holes in and out of which the birds can fly by day, and which can be closed at night if it is found necessary.

"The budgerigars will be kept inside their new aviary until the Spring," Mr. Tong told me. "Then we shall let them out and give them the freedom of the park. By that time they should be so accustomed to their new home that they will return to it each night."

## NEW JET AIRLINER FOR AMERICA



By the C N Flying Correspondent

Designed as a high speed transport which could fly passengers across the United States from New York to Los Angeles—with a call at Chicago—at 570 m.p.h., the Fairchild M-186 brings with it yet another odd wing shape for the spotter to learn—the "cusp."

According to the designer, the "cusp" wing is a hybrid, developed from the delta and the conventional straight wing. It has the wing root thickness of the delta, providing ample space for the engines and fuel yet retains the straight wing's stability at low speeds. Another odd feature is the delta tailplane mounted on top of the 30-foot-high fin.

Passenger seating will normally

be provided for 44, but this figure can be increased to 66 if the aircraft should be required as an air coach. It will also be available as an air-freighter; "beaver-tail" doors in the rear of the fuselage will be provided to permit easy end-loading of air cargo from trucks without need for special handling equipment.

An interesting point concerning the plane's two J-67 engines (Bristol Olympus turbo-jets built in the U.S. under licence) is that Fairchild's intend to incorporate a system of reverse thrust which, used in combination with the standard wheel brakes, will enable the machine to land in 500 yards.

Span: 100 feet; length: 98 feet 7 inches.

## It happened this week

Historic events reported in "eye-witness" fashion.

### EXECUTION OF A KING

JANUARY 21, 1793.—The world is convulsed with horror by the execution of the King of France. At ten minutes past ten this morning Louis XVI was put to death on the guillotine.

To the end the unfortunate king had hoped he would be rescued, and had expected that 500 of his devoted admirers would save him even at the scaffold.

But as he arrived at the Square of the Revolution and saw the guillotine erected before the Palace of the Tuileries, he cried out: "I am lost! I am lost!"

The king, who was dressed in a brown coat, white waistcoat, grey breeches, and white stockings, repulsed the efforts of the executioners to strip him of part of his clothing. He took off his own collar and shouted angrily to the men who sought to tie his hands. Then, leaning on the arm of his confessor, the Abbé Edgeworth, he said: "I will drain the cup to the dregs."

His appearance on the scaffold stilled the murmurs of the immense crowd and he was heard to declare proudly: "I die innocent of the crimes imputed to me."

He added in a loud voice: "I pardon the authors of my death and pray heaven that the blood you are about to shed may never be visited upon France."

A roll of drums drowned his voice.

### SOUTH SEA BUBBLE

JANUARY 23, 1721.—Further sensational events took place today in the financial crisis which has followed the collapse of the South Sea Company.

Mr. John Aislabie, Chancellor of the Exchequer—one of the most prominent supporters of the Company's scheme to take over the National Debt and pay high rates of interest to investors—has resigned.

A proclamation has been issued offering a reward of £2000 "for securing and apprehending the person of Robert Knight," cashier of the Company, who absconded yesterday. It is understood that he embarked secretly on board a vessel in the Thames today and is fleeing to Calais.

Two Members of Parliament who were directors of the Company, Sir Theodore Jansen and Mr. Sawbridge, were expelled from the House today and taken into custody with two other Members who were also directors.

The Deputy Governor of the Company, Mr. Joye, is reported to be making a "frank confession" to the Lords.

Meanwhile, it is now certain that thousands of investors will be ruined by the crash. Public credit is seriously endangered and many people are fleeing the country.

(This was the bursting of the South Sea Bubble. Prominent men throughout the country were imprisoned, and the directors' estates were seized.)

ON THE AIR—By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and TV Correspondent

## PUTTING THEM THROUGH THEIR PACES

ONE of the loudest voices in the British Army will be broadcast in the Home Service on Friday. It belongs to Regimental-Sergeant-Major J. C. Lord, who will be heard drilling officer cadets on the parade ground at Sandhurst.

Recordings were made there this month for the programme *Serve to Lead*, in which a young officer, just "passed out" and preferring to remain anonymous, tells of his experiences at the Royal Military Academy.

Here is a radio feature of special interest to boys contemplating a Regular Army career. Producer John Bridges is an ex-Warrant Officer of the Grenadier Guards.

### Mountain blanket

THE only mountain in the Isle of Man, 2000-foot high Snaefell, is having a blanketing effect on the new temporary TV transmitter recently installed near Douglas.

A BBC engineer tells me that pictures are being well received in Douglas, east of Snaefell, but reception tests to the west are proving the truth of the rule: TV will not climb obstacles.

"Reception in Ireland is out of the question," he said.

### Varied topics

TELEVISION documentaries in the next few weeks will cover topics as varied as life in the Scilly Isles, the career of a fashion model, and the drama of the last Tube train home.

The Scilly Isles feature will be Stephen McCormack's last *About Britain* programme for some time, as the series is to be expanded to *About Europe*. But its companion, *London Town*, will continue.

"London is inexhaustible," says McCormack. Next month Norman Swallow will offer a *Special Enquiry* on Britain's Roads.



Stephen McCormack

### Island choice

ROY PLOMLEY has been telling me about his new gramophone series beginning in the Home Service on February 4. This is the second series in succession to *Desert Island Discs*, in which celebrities chose records they could live with if marooned after a shipwreck.

Now the choice rests with ordinary folk, and Plomley has been searching the streets and cafés of London for broadcasting "characters." His latest catch includes a librarian, a man who sells medicine in a market square, a bus conductor, and a stage-door keeper.

### Chuff chuffs back

How many listeners to Children's hour remember Clara Chuff, the railway engine that talks? She

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steamed into the sheds about a year ago and has not been heard since.

More of Clara's adventures begin on January 30, with Marion Glyn-Evans once again playing her original part as Clara.

### TV weather man



In place of the nightly weather charts, television recently introduced two forecasters, Mr. T. H. Clifton and Mr. George Cowling, who comment on the weather. Here we see Mr. Clifton studying a meteorological chart while preparing his forecast.

### Cricketers take note

LEN HUTTON will be interviewed in "Frankly Speaking," a recorded programme in the Home Service next Tuesday.

These interviews are always unscripted and the "victim" never knows what question is coming next.

### Snooker on the screen

SNOOKER was once considered an impossible game for TV because so much depends on the different colours of the balls. But experience has proved that, given a good commentator, snooker is ideal for the small TV screen.

We can test this on Saturday afternoon and evening when cameras will be set up in the Leicester Square Hall for two broadcasts of a snooker challenge match between Joe Davis and Jack Rea. Irish snooker champion. Commentator is Sidney Smith.

### ESSEX ANNIVERSARY

A Youth Pilgrimage and a radio mission are included in this year's plans for celebrating the thirteenth centenary of the landing in Essex of the missionary St. Cedd, who brought Christianity to the county.

The Youth Pilgrimage will coincide with a vast rally to be held on West Ham United football ground in June. The Bishop of Croydon will preach, and there will be a choir of 1000 girls, boys, and adults.

One of the biggest pilgrimages in modern times will journey to the chapel of St. Peter, built in 654 on the sea wall at Bradwell-on-Sea where St. Cedd first landed.

The radio mission has been jointly planned by the Bishop of Barking and the Religious Department of the BBC. House-to-house visits will be linked with BBC broadcasts.



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"Fact is, the scratches he makes ain't properly writing at all." Thus did the lawyer in Huckleberry Finn dismiss the efforts of the old gentleman who "wrote, but nobody couldn't read it."

Doubtless some excuse could have been made for Mark Twain's old gentleman; his schooling was probably more peculiar than extensive.

Little excuse can be made, however, for the scrawlers of today who despite good grounding in the three R's persist in signing their letters with strange devices which they certainly never learned at school.

It is these offenders (all too numerous) who are gently taken to task by Mr. Ivor Brown in this delightful essay, reprinted here by kind permission of the author and The Observer.

# YOURS TRULY, SQUIGGLE

By  
**Ivor Brown**

ONE of the chief vexations of the days before Christmas is the receipt of handsome cards—and how expensive!—carrying the usual greetings of the season and signed Peter, Tony, Pat, or Pam. You know so many of these and Pat may be of either sex.

To whom must one hurriedly return a card or, if too late, a New Year salutation? Why cannot they be more explicit in their signatures, especially as so many millions of parents, a generation ago, were Peter- (or Pat-) minded?

## Post problems

Some of the signatures have also the vice of total illegibility. "All the best—Squiggle," is what one reads. The tiresome Squiggles, furthermore, have been at it all

the year. They are the problem-children of every morning's post.

The most infuriating of these Squiggles is not the one afflicted with a wholly bad handwriting; it is he who becomes illegible only when he reaches his signature and gives you a shapeless scrawl instead.

The old illiterate made his mark; the new literate makes his mess. Sometimes he or his secretary uses all the clarity of a type-writer correctly handled; but when he comes to his name, there is only the pen-splutter of an impatient zany.

When Squiggle writes to me, which is often, I first give his signature my puzzled and enraged attention. Then my secretary takes on the job, and, if the letter is all in handwriting, she carefully relates the scratches that conceal his name to the letters in the previous script.

## Taking a chance

Perhaps, if he has to be answered, we decide that he is Popenjoy or Prendergast and chance it: or else we cut out his cryptogram and paste it on the envelope of reply. (I say "his" because women offend less often, but there are Mary Squiggles too.)

Why should we be put to this drudgery? The Squiggles are public nuisances and deserve to be

arrested for keeping others loitering.

Why does a person who can write a legible letter end with an indecipherable splash like the writhing track of an ink-sodden wasp? There are two obvious and contradicting explanations.

Either he is so vain that he thinks his name must be as widely known as Winston Churchill's, or he is so shy that he hesitates to sign himself at all and dithers with a slurred hint of his identity. But neither explanation is an excuse.

## Lecture notes

Abominable writing is most common among the most highly educated. The reason, I surmise, is the ruin wrought in youth by the instruction to take full notes at lectures without any previous training in orthodox shorthand.

The student makes his own abbreviations and thus confusedly scribbles down the gist of what he, often too hopefully, believes will be recognisable by himself later on.

The habit, lasting over several formative years, wrecks what may have been a reasonably clear hand. He emerges from his labour triumphantly but illegibly, Squiggle B.A.

Or Squiggle, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lecture-notes, I presume, have also caused the spidery or tipsy-looking chaos in which many doctors pass their Latin to the chemists. The latter know roughly what the doctor orders, having made up the concoction a thousand times, and can make a harmless shot at Dr. Squiggle's routine cough mixture. But it seems an odd way of serving the nation's health.

This kind of thorough-going cacography, though it has its perils, is less maddening than the conceit or coyness of him who can write a readable letter and denies you his name. A few specimens of the Squiggle tribe do help you out with capitals under the scrawl, and wise secretaries type their names under the signatures. But the number of self-concealers is very large.

## Reprisals

No doubt I have sometimes been a Squiggle myself. But I try not to be. My anger with the Squiggles should be mitigated by the courtesy with which many of these correspondents seek, in the legible portions of their letters, to correct me, inform me, tell me truth, or tell me off. They give me matter for reflection and even for composition.

Do I not owe this article to them? But in future I shall not pore (nor pester my secretary with poring) over the squirming, secretive splotches which follow the "Yours truly."

If answer is to be made I shall address it to A. Blank Squiggle, Esq. That, if he has an hotel or a college or community address, will cause trouble. But he has earned it. He has been warned.

## The CN National Handwriting Test of 1954 is Now Open!

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AWARDS  
VALUE  
£500



CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER this week announces the opening of its *fifth* National Handwriting Test for schoolgirls and schoolboys—and invites schools and teachers throughout the country to co-operate.

Each entrant has simply to copy the Test Passage (given on the Entry Form), a short paragraph on the art and value of Handwriting itself, in the writing style taught at his or her school.

The competition is for all full-time pupils of schools and

colleges in Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Islands, who are under 17, and the Entry Forms will be issued only through schools. Prizes totalling £500 in value will be awarded for the best entries.

To make the competition equal for all, the Test is divided into THREE AGE GROUPS, with prizes in each for both pupils and schools. You can thus win for your school as well as yourself in this list of 1318 prizes! Here is the complete prize list:

GROUP A (For Pupils under 9)	GROUP B (Pupils of 9 to under 13)	GROUP C (Pupils of 13 to under 17)
<b>FIRST PRIZES—</b>	<b>FIRST PRIZES—</b>	<b>FIRST PRIZES—</b>
To the School .. .. £25	To the School .. .. £25	To the School .. .. £25
Prize-winning Pupil .. .. £5	Prize-winning Pupil .. .. £5	Prize-winning Pupil .. .. £5
<b>SECOND PRIZES—</b>	<b>SECOND PRIZES—</b>	<b>SECOND PRIZES—</b>
To the School .. .. £10	To the School .. .. £10	To the School .. .. £10
To the Pupil .. .. £3	To the Pupil .. .. £3	To the Pupil .. .. £3
<b>THIRD PRIZES—</b>	<b>THIRD PRIZES—</b>	<b>THIRD PRIZES—</b>
To the School .. .. £5	To the School .. .. £5	To the School .. .. £5
To the Pupil .. .. £2	To the Pupil .. .. £2	To the Pupil .. .. £2

50 Copies of the Coronation Bible

—the Oxford Miniature Edition of the Bible presented to the Queen at the Coronation.

50 Copies of "The Ascent of Everest"

by Sir John Hunt, the Leader of the British Expedition to Mount Everest in 1953.

1200 Fountain-pens—each Autographed with the Winner's Name

ALSO 10,000 AWARDS OF MERIT

—Certificates of Merit to be awarded for the best entry from each school not represented in the above prize list

If you would like to gain a prize for yourself and for your school, please show this announcement to your Teacher, and (unless the school has already applied) ask him or her kindly to complete this coupon and send it to CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER. Note that entries in the Test must be on the proper Entry Form which is issued free to schools.

The test may be done in school or at home, as decided by the Teacher, who is asked to sign it on completion. There is NO entry fee—but when returned, every pupil's attempt must have affixed to it one of the Tokens (marked CN Writing Test 1954) now appearing in every copy of C.N. You will find one at the foot of the back page of this issue.

Remember, there is a special age group for you, and you write in the usual style—script, joined script, or cursive—taught at your school.

The Closing Date for entries is Wednesday, March 31. These, when completed, are to be sent in in accordance with the rules, also given in the Entry Form. (N.B. It is regretted that this competition cannot be extended to schools outside Gt. Britain, N. Ireland, the Channel Is., and the Irish Republic.)

To CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER, Competition Dept., CN  
3 Pilgrim Street London, E.C.4 (Comp.).

Please send me (free and post free).....copies of the CN National Handwriting Test of 1954 Entry Forms for my pupils.

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School .....

School Address .....

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NOTE TO SCHOOLMASTERS AND SCHOOLMISTRESSES

The Entry Form contains the Test Passage, space for the pupil's effort, the full rules, and so on. It is issued only to schools on request. Teachers are asked kindly to assess the number of forms required as closely as possible, and to send for them on this coupon. The supply will then be sent free and post free, to be handed out at school. (If desired, a specimen Entry Form will be sent before the full request is made.) Last date for form applications is March 1.



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## PAT ON THE BACK

IT is always pleasant to hear words in praise of modern youth; and doubly pleasant when they are spoken by a man of such wide sympathies and understanding as General Albert Orsborn, Leader of the Salvation Army.

General Orsborn, who is retiring this year, knows more than most people about British youth, and he recently described them as the most maligned community in the world. He pointed out that they were born in the war, instead of in the age of Victorian complacency.

Young people are now frank and sincere, far more so than he ever dared to be at their age. He also sees them as gay and rebellious. "Their ears are closed to good advice," he went on, "but their eyes are open to good example."

He thinks that society must take part of the blame for the excesses of some of them. Family life was rocked to its foundations during the war, and that also accounts for some misbehaviour.

"They are, taking them by and large, good and sound," General Orsborn concluded.

In other words, like most people of wide experience, he knows that the younger generation is of the right stuff and has its heart in the right place.



## Under the Editor's Table

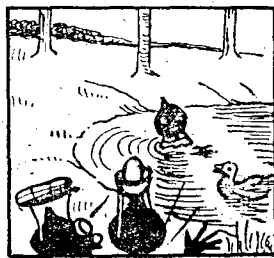
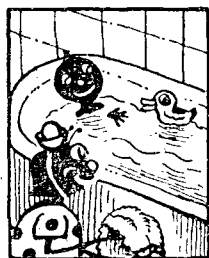
PETER PUCK  
WANTS TO  
KNOW

If lady M.P.s  
always wear  
party frocks

Flying holidays are becoming popular. Ours always have flown.

The average American woman is short. So is the average Englishwoman at the end of the week.

BILLY BEETLE



## OLD LANG SYNE

IT will come as something of a shock to most Southerners to learn that Auld Lang Syne is not pure Burns. But a writer in the magazine of the Scottish Tourist Board tells us that the song was evolved from earlier forms, one of which runs:

*Should old acquaintance be  
forgot  
And never thought upon,  
The Flames of Love extinguished  
And freely past and gone.  
Is thy kind heart now grown so  
cold  
In thy loving breast of thine,  
That thou can'st never once  
reflect  
On old lang syne?*

The sentiment is admirably expressed, but it lacks the magic of Robert Burns, and Scots and Sassenachs alike will continue to make the rafters ring with Auld Lang Syne, best-loved of all songs of friendship.

## Think on These Things

CHAPTER three of St. Mark's Gospel tells how Jesus gathered people together and specially called certain men to be leaders in forming His Holy Church. He relied on those who trusted Him to join His company, a chosen company with a vital message which is still being preached after nearly 2000 years.

Those who belong to the Church now carry on the fellowship which Jesus encouraged that day on the mountain. And they know that the fullness of life is to be found in heeding that simple call of Jesus—"Follow Me." F. P.

## JUST AN IDEA

As Henry George wrote: Social progress makes the well-being of all more and more the business of each; it binds all closer and closer together in bonds from which none can escape.

Young people nowadays make the most of themselves. And a few are too big for their boots.

A new law will cut down night baking. But a bread knife will cut up what has been baked.

Home is a place where you can put your feet up. Or put your foot down.

Chimps are just like children, someone says. Mothers could tell the difference.

# The Editor's Table

## Watching men at work

IN New York, as in most other cities, there are always plenty of men who like to stand and watch others at work.

But in New York they are receiving special attention. At a new building the construction company have placed several framed bulletins explaining the stage which the work has reached.

A recent bulletin, for example, explained that "Excavation has been completed. Foundations have been laid. Steel is now going up, some 700 tons of it."

"Sidewalk superintendents," as the Americans call their work-watchers, will now be able to cast more critical eyes on the proceedings.

## Friends across the sea



This picture shows three C.N. readers in Peru. They are ten-year-old Donald Macrae, with his eight-year-old brother Malcolm, and sister Christine, aged four. Their parents are missionaries, living at Cajamarca.

## Distant prospect

THERE are many people who wonder why anyone should want to go to the Moon; and among their number is Dr. J. G. Porter of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. It is a dead world without air or water, he recently pointed out to a young audience, and then went on to tell them that he himself intended to stay at home.

But he told them a lot about space trips. The planners of space travel, he said, favoured as a first step the sending up of an unmanned rocket to journey round the Moon and bring back photographs of its mysterious other side; which no one has ever seen.

The rocket would travel on an oval course at 25,000 m.p.h., and its voyage to the Moon and back would last about five days. By contrast, a return trip to Mars would take two and a half years.

Holidays in space would seem to be a prospect as far off as the Moon.

## PET SUBJECT

KEEPING animals gives a child great privileges, carries responsibility, and is an easy and pleasant way of teaching the lesson of kindness, said a schoolmistress at a recent animal welfare conference.

Certainly there is a special satisfaction in possessing a pet—be it mouse or pony; but every child anxious to acquire one should first reflect well on the responsibility imposed, for it is a sad day for any pet animal that falls from favour because the daily attentions it needs become an irksome chore.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,  
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THE latest form of tractor for farmers reminds one of the hobby horse. It is the invention of a Stockholm engineer, and is nothing less than a machine with two wheels in the rear and two legs in front, the legs "walking" in almost human fashion as they are actuated by the motor.

The legs are made of steel, and are provided with different kinds of shoes according to the nature of the ground on which the tractor is used.

The tractor walks on its front legs, and pulls a plough, which is guided by a man walking behind!

## HOW SWEET HIS LOT!

How sweet is the shepherd's sweet lot!

From the morn to the evening he stays;

He shall follow his sheep all the day,

And his tongue shall be filled with praise.

For he hears the lamb's innocent call,

And he hears the ewe's tender reply;

He is watchful while they are in peace,

For they know when their shepherd is nigh.

## THEY SAY . . .

I CANNOT believe that God ever intended music to be an obscure, mysterious thing, but some people evidently do.

President of the Incorporated Society of Musicians

IT has to be got into people's heads that being a parent is a job that needs to be learnt.

Professor M. V. C. Jeffreys,  
of Birmingham University

THE chances of peace are greater at the moment than they have been for some time.

Mrs. V. L. Pandit,  
President U.N. General Assembly

WITH our vast resources in the whole of the Commonwealth we can stand against anyone, face almost any disaster.

Mr. R. A. Butler,  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

IT is still good.

Mrs. Judith Goose, aged 104,  
of Martham, Norfolk

NOTHING in the United States is more expensive than quiet.

Director of the National Arts Foundation, New York

WHEN you are 12 you can wipe everybody on the stage—I know from experience. Now at 71 I am very doubtful about the whole thing.

Dame Sybil Thorndike

## Out and About

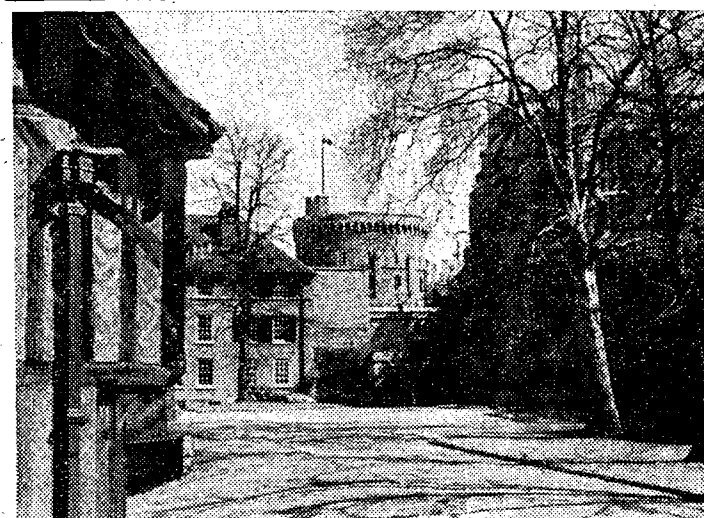
ALL kinds of wild berries are still plentiful, thanks largely to the long mild spell before Christmas. Now, on cold days, when the ground is hard enough to keep the worms down, and make grubs difficult to get, many a hungry bird gets a meal from the remaining hips and haws, and holly and ivy berries.

Just as the birds use these "spares" for odd meals in the time of shortage, so a number of our wild animals that go to sleep in the cold periods also have a larder somewhere, just in case.

The squirrel, if it wakes on a warm day will go to its store of old nuts for a feed before settling down in its drey for another spell of winter sleep.

If you see a hedgehog just now, he is on his way to a spot where he knows a lot of snails are assembled, or perhaps he has been eating and is on the way back to his nest of leaves under the hedge.

C. D. D.



OUR HOMELAND

Winter sunshine  
at Royal Windsor



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## On the Royal Route

ON Wednesday of this week her Majesty is holding an Investiture at the Civic Theatre in Christchurch, and later attending a garden party in the Botanic Gardens.

On Friday the Queen and the Duke will drive 50 miles southward from Christchurch to the pleasant inland borough of Ashburton, which is the market town for many wheatgrowers and sheep-farmers whose land is watered by rivers fed by melting snows on the Southern Alps.

The week-end will be spent quietly by the Queen and the Duke in an English-looking farmhouse at Longbeach.

ON Monday they drive to Timaru, fourth city in size in the South Island, which is pleasantly situated on the coast at the southern end of the Canterbury Plain. Timaru has a wonderful breakwater harbour for overseas ships.

When they cross the Waitaki River the Royal visitors will pass from Canterbury Province into the Scottish Otago Province.

The Waitaki River drains the glacier-made lakes at the foot of New Zealand's highest peak, Mount Cook. The river has been harnessed to provide electric power.

South of this provincial border the Queen and the Duke pass through Oamaru, which is notable in New Zealand for being built largely of the local white stone. It is another town with a breakwater harbour.

DUNEDIN, where the Royal party arrive later on Monday, is the ancient form of spelling Edinburgh.

The plan for the infant city's streets was drawn with recollections of "Auld Reekie." Many streets are named after famous streets in Edinburgh.

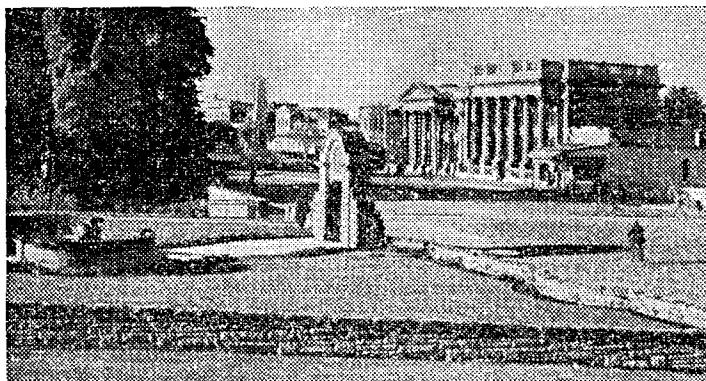
Scottish settlers of 1848 sailed from the Clyde to found the Province of Otago (a Scottish way of writing the Maori name Otakou).

They found a deep-water anchorage at the mouth of a long harbour and called it Port Chalmers. At the head of the

# DOWN TO DUNEDIN DISCOVERIES IN THE YOUTHFUL SCIENCE



The farmhouse at Longbeach, where the Queen and Duke will stay



Bank Buildings at Oamaru

harbour they settled in the township of Dunedin and began to farm the rich lands to the west.

IN 1861 there were reports of gold in the rivers of Otago and gold-seekers flocked to Dunedin from Melbourne.

In a few years Dunedin became the largest and richest town in New Zealand. But now it has to be content with fourth place among New Zealand cities, with a population of 100,000.

Big ships at Port Chalmers and other ships at Dunedin carry away rich cargoes from Otago sheep farms and cornfields. The gold-mining industry, which flourished for half a century is only a shadow of what it was.

Dunedin has many claims to being "The Edinburgh of the South." It has fine churches and schools. Its Scottish pioneers founded the University of Otago, and here are the only medical and dental schools for N.Z. students.

"Chemistry is essentially a youthful science and a science for youth." That is the view of Professor James Kendall of Edinburgh University, expressed in his new book: *Great Discoveries by Young Chemists* (Thomas Nelson, 12s. 6d.)

A saga of young people who dedicated themselves to scientific discovery, it makes fascinating reading, this being particularly true of those who in their early years gave little hint of their genius.

Thus Humphry Davy, born in 1778, was a lazy pupil at a Cornish grammar school, where the master had the jocular habit of reciting this verse as he tried to enervise him with a flat ruler:

Now, Master Davy,  
Now, Sir, I have 'ee—  
No one shall save 'ee,  
Good Master Davy!

But science called the idle schoolboy and he plunged into it with the utmost enthusiasm, even sustaining damage to his health through experiments with gases, which he inhaled.

By the time he was 23 Davy had achieved such astonishing discoveries that he was made

Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Institution. We remember him chiefly for his miner's safety lamp, which has saved countless lives.

Most young scientists, however, had a harder climb to fame. As a boy, Michael Faraday used to gaze longingly at a small electrifying machine in a London optician's window. The future pioneer of electric power could not raise the 4s. 6d. to buy it!

His chance came when he was 21. Humphry Davy took him on as his assistant at 25 shillings a week.

## GREAT FRENCHMAN

"Mediocre" was the inscription on the great Louis Pasteur's chemistry certificate gained as a young man. Yet within a few years, as an unknown novice, he was to make discoveries that were to meet with almost universal disbelief—and final acceptance.

He remained always a simple, modest man. World famous, he attended a London medical congress and was greeted with a burst of cheering. He turned to his son and said: "It is no doubt the Prince of Wales arriving, we ought to have come sooner." With a smile the President of the Congress replied: "But it is you they are cheering, M. Pasteur!"

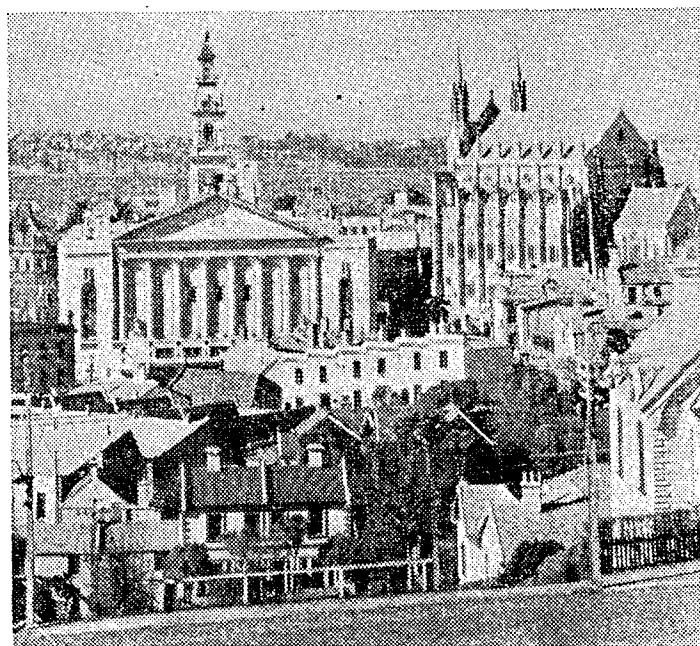
But Professor Kendall's book does more than merely recount life stories of great chemists; it also explains in simple language the enormous significance of their discoveries.

No boy or girl of scientific bent can fail to be fascinated and inspired by this well-illustrated record of the setbacks and triumphs of young chemists.

## PONIES DELIVER THE MILK

Two milk-distributing firms in Edinburgh are using Highland ponies to deliver the milk.

It has been found that the cost of running pony-drawn vehicles is about the same as that of electric vehicles, but that the initial cost is lower.



The Town Hall and Cathedral at Dunedin

## Empire mosaic—49

by Ridgway

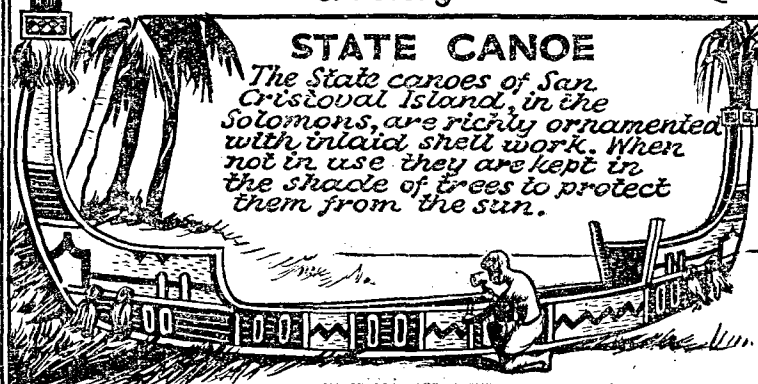
### MILKING CEREMONY

Peculiar to the Toro tribe of Uganda is the milking ceremony performed every evening at sundown. A few beasts, symbolic of the herd, are led into the royal enclosure for milking. No one must even glance at these cows. The herdsmen's cry, giving warning of their approach, sends everyone hurrying away.



### POST OFFICE IN ANTARCTICA

An expedition which is leaving Melbourne this month will open the first post office in Australian Antarctic territory.



### STATE CANOE

The State canoes of San Cristobal Island, in the Solomons, are richly ornamented with inlaid shell work. When not in use they are kept in the shade of trees to protect them from the sun.

### FASHIONS IN KENYA

Women of the Masai tribe, Kenya, wear heavy brass ornaments through the lobes of their ears extending them almost to breaking point.





## WORLD'S BIGGEST BOOKSHOP

One of the most romantic success stories of all time is that of Foyles, the great London bookshop, which is now celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The two brothers who still run it, William and Gilbert Foyle, first became booksellers as a result of failing in their exams. Finding eager purchasers for their now unwanted textbooks, they were encouraged to sell other secondhand books, using their parents' kitchen as a "shop."

### HARD TIMES

When William was 19 and Gilbert 17 they ventured on a real little shop in Peckham. Later they moved to Charing Cross Road, and it was there that they had a setback: their first assistant ran off with the takings, and they had to economise by walking home for several weeks afterwards!

But hard work brought success. Today, in that five-storey building which is the world's biggest bookshop, there are 30 miles of shelves holding nearly four million volumes.

The firm receives every day 35,000 letters inquiring for books on subjects ranging from trained seals and whooping cough to flying saucers and finger-prints.

Every year William Foyle gives a prize to the most promising student at a number of public schools and universities, as well as a £250 poetry prize, and Gilbert has munificently endowed a fund to help boys and girls through the universities.


## JET-PROPELLED FISH

Fossilised remains of a "jet-propelled" fish, millions of years old, have been found near the Lincolnshire village of Manton.

Known as the belemnite, this fish propelled itself by taking in water through a slit in its body, and squirting it out through a syphon under its head.

The fossils, which are two to four inches long, and streamlined, disintegrate on exposure.

## Sporting Flashbacks




**A PRINCE OF RUGBY—**

ALTHOUGH IT HAPPENED 18 YEARS AGO, A TRY SCORED FOR ENGLAND V. THE ALL BLACKS BY PRINCE ALEX. OBOLENSKY IS STILL RECALLED...

THE PRINCE TOOK A PASS FROM P.L. CANDLER ON THE HALF-WAY LINE, MADE A SURPRISE SWERVE TO HIS LEFT, AND RACED ALL HIS PURSUERS IN AN AMAZING RUN TO THE GOAL-LINE — JAN. 4, 1936

MEMBER OF A FAMILY EXILED BY REVOLUTION, OBOLENSKY WAS THE ONLY RUSSIAN TO PLAY RUGBY FOOTBALL FOR ENGLAND. (HE WAS KILLED FLYING FOR THE R.A.F. EARLY IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR)



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## LONDON'S FEATHERED POPULATION

London has of late become highly popular as a port of call and place of residence for birds. Over 130 different kinds have been observed in the capital's parks during the past three years, and they have been a source of great interest and amusement for city nature-lovers.

Much information on the subject is given in a Ministry of Works booklet called Bird Life in The Royal Parks (Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 2s. 6d.) and in the latest report of the London Natural History Society.

The Royal Park birds occasionally stage scenes of strife. Owls are not always popular, and a little owl and a tawny owl were seen being "mobbed" by smaller birds. A heron, too, that in judiciously perched in a tree on Duck Island in St. James's Park, was attacked by about 100 gulls.

But the possibility of "mob

rule" did not deter another tawny owl from sunbathing in Kensington Gardens, where it was seen basking in the warmth with its feathers fluffed out.

The spitefulness of some birds is illustrated by the tale of two Great Crested Grebes in Richmond Park. Whenever they left their nest, coots and moorhens came and trampled and pulled it to bits.

### QUEER PERCH

However, the good name of Richmond Park was saved by a recumbent stag, which did not object to a magpie perching on its antlers while watching the ground for insects.

Other entertaining items in the Royal Parks Report concern the Regent's Park starling that accurately imitated the song of an escaped African Waxbill; the singing goldfinches that provided a charming accompaniment to an open-air performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream; and the mallard duck that took a trip on a toy yacht sailing on the Round Pond.

There were also the wood-pigeons that nested on a grating of the London Transport Building,

though there were plenty of vacant trees nearby, building their nest entirely of pieces of wire netting—probably because they did not want to be taken for country cousins!

But for ornithologists the most sensational event was the first known appearance in London of the rare Black-eared Wheatear.

The London Bird Report issued by the London Natural History Society deals with most unusual visitors to the capital.

Among them were a pair of grey wagtails nesting in a bombed basement in Cripplegate in the City, two kestrels that nested in a crevice of the Savoy Hotel, and goldfinches feeding on a bomb site in the City.

Rare visitors from faraway places to the outskirts of London included hoopoes, a waxwing, an avocet, Arctic tern, buzzard, Great Northern divers, grey geese, ospreys, and a bittern.

### GLASGOW'S LIGERS

A litter of ligers has been born at Calderpark Zoo, Glasgow—the first of their kind to be born there.

Ligers are the offspring of a lion and a tigress. First cousins are tigers—the offspring of a tiger and a lioness.

## SHE RECEIVES 700 LETTERS A DAY

By the end of this month Mrs. Eisenhower, wife of America's President, will have received 22,000 letters—her first month's postbag of 1954. And every month an average of 700 letters a day will continue to arrive at the White House in Washington.

Most of her correspondents are women, and nearly all the letters are in a friendly vein.

"I just can't help thinking of you as one of the neighbours next door," wrote one woman.

### GIFTS AND REQUESTS

The letters—all of which are answered when they require an answer—are often accompanied by gifts, mostly toys for her grandchildren.

She often gets requests for personal mementoes. Some women ask for a patch of material with her signature on it to embroider into a quilt. Others ask for her favourite recipe.

One letter told Mrs. Eisenhower about a girl who was stricken with polio, and that girl soon received a note of good wishes.

Then there was Tommy Blanks. He had his photo taken outside the Eisenhower home in New York and he sent it to Mrs. Eisenhower and said that he was coming on a visit to Washington. By return Tommy got an invitation for his mother and himself to visit the White House.

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## CAMPING COACHES

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## THE AFRICAN JOURNEYS OF MUNGO PARK—picture-story of a famous explorer (12)



By altering their route the slave-traders and their captives managed to avoid the robber band. During a tropical downpour the Negroes used broad palm leaves as umbrellas, and Mungo followed their example. At last, to his great joy, they reached a village near Pisanía, on the Gambia. It was from here, 18 months before, that Mungo had set out on his great journey into unexplored Africa.



Mungo's friend, Karfa, decided to leave his slaves at this village for the time being and to go with Mungo to Pisanía. The explorer said farewell to the poor captives who, in spite of their hopeless condition, had shown him many kindnesses, such as fetching him water, and preparing a bed of leaves and brushwood for him at night in the jungle. They told him now they were grateful to him for his sympathy.



At Pisanía he was greeted by Mr. Ainsley, the English trader, who said they had given him up as lost. Karfa, who had never been here before, was amazed at all he saw, particularly at Mr. Ainsley's schooner. He could not understand how the wind could push such a large vessel through the water! Though a slave-trader, Karfa had saved Mungo's life by his unflinching kindness, and now he was handsomely rewarded.



As no European ship was expected at Pisanía for some time, Mungo embarked in an American vessel, the Charlestown. She was bound, with a cargo of slaves, for South Carolina, where Mungo intended taking passage to England. There was much sickness among the slaves during the voyage and Mungo, who volunteered to act as doctor, toiled day and night to ease the suffering of these unhappy people.

Can Mungo reach home safely by this roundabout route? See next week's instalment



The Children's Newspaper, January 23, 1954



A grand new serial about Linbury Court Preparatory School

# ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

## 1. Attention, all Space-shipping!

It was during the first few weeks of the Summer Term that the study of interplanetary flight was taken up with enthusiasm by the 79 boarders of Linbury Court Preparatory School.

According to Jennings, the age of Space Travel was only just around the corner, and in order to help the scientists of the world to skid round this troublesome bend, he and his friend Darbshire lost no time in organising the Form Three Space-Ship and Rocket Development Corporation.

There was never any doubt about the success of the movement. In no time at all the space-travel craze spread through the school, sweeping away such minor pursuits as the collection of cheese labels and matchbox tops, and covering the margins of Latin text books with unlikely-looking drawings of bigger and better flying saucers.

During out-of-school hours, games of space warfare could be seen—and heard—at every point of the compass. Moon-dwellers pursued gangs of flannel-suited Martians across the playing field; while serious-minded Earthmen scuttled up and down the corridors uttering explosive "Voom-voom" noises, or grunting "Urr-hmmmm... urr-hmmmm" from deep in their throats, as they warmed up the motors of their imaginary rockets.

And yet, despite this widespread enthusiasm, the masters of Linbury Court could find no good word to say for the wave of atomic activity which burst upon their ears at unexpected moments.

## Refuge in the library

The Headmaster curtly refused to allow science fiction magazines to appear on the library shelves: Mr. Carter, the senior assistant, groaned inwardly and "tut-tutted" in despair whenever a ten-year-old space mariner spluttered into sight... And Mr. Wilkins, who was long-suffering and short-tempered, fumed with disapproval when, shortly after tea one evening, a squadron of Form Three rockets could be heard gargling and snorting at full volume just outside the staff room door.

"That's what I can't understand about masters," Jennings confided to Darbshire, as the two boys sought refuge in the library from the sound of Mr. Wilkins's wrath. "They say, 'Why don't you do something useful in your spare time?' And as soon as you take up a brainy hobby like advanced physics and stuff, they blow up like atom bombs and tick you off for ragging in the corridors."

"The trouble is, they don't seem

to see things in the same way as ordinary civilised people like—well, like you and me," Darbshire replied thoughtfully. "Not when they grow up, anyway. I dare say Old Wilkie was just as keen on all the latest crazes as we are—when he was young."

"Ah, but that was about a hundred years ago," Jennings objected, with wild exaggeration. "You can't expect us to get all worked up about magic lanterns and spinning wheels, these days."

For some moments they sat at the library table shaking their heads sadly over the shortcomings of the staff. There was a comfortable, easy-going bond of friendship between Jennings and Darbshire, and much of it sprung from the fact that each boy was quite unlike the other, both in appearance and character.

Jennings was the taller of the two, a friendly-looking boy of eleven with untidy brown hair and a wide-awake look in his eyes. He had about him the restless, eager air of one who acts first and

thinks afterwards; of one who must be up and doing lest the grass should grow beneath his feet.

Darbshire, on the other hand, would not have worried unduly to find a whole prairie of grassland sprouting beneath his size three school sandals; but fortunately his duties as Jennings's right-hand man gave no opportunity for such an alarming state of affairs to occur.

For Darbshire was quieter in manner; a loyal follower, but

never a leader in the exploits and misadventures of school life. He was fair and curly, with a solemn, rather earnest look about his thin features. Behind his ink-splashed spectacles shone a pair of mild blue eyes which sparkled or clouded with every change in his feelings, as surely as a barometer recording the advent of sunshine or storm.

Presently, Jennings said: "It's a mouldy chizz, not being allowed science mags. I saw a jolly decent one on a bookstall last holidays; all about a superman called Butch Breakaway who went to the moon on a secret rocket designed by a famous bald-headed scientist. Might be quite a sound scheme to pretend we were those chaps, I thought."

Darbshire's eyes lit up behind his spectacles. "Wacko! Jolly nimble wheeze," he agreed. "You could be this Butch character, and Venables and Atkinson and all that lot could be hostile moon-dwellers..."

"Lunatickians," Jennings corrected. "At least, that's what this comic called them. It's a scientific term coming from the Latin words *luna*, meaning a moon, and *tick* meaning—er—well, anyone knows what a tick is."

## Job for Darbshire

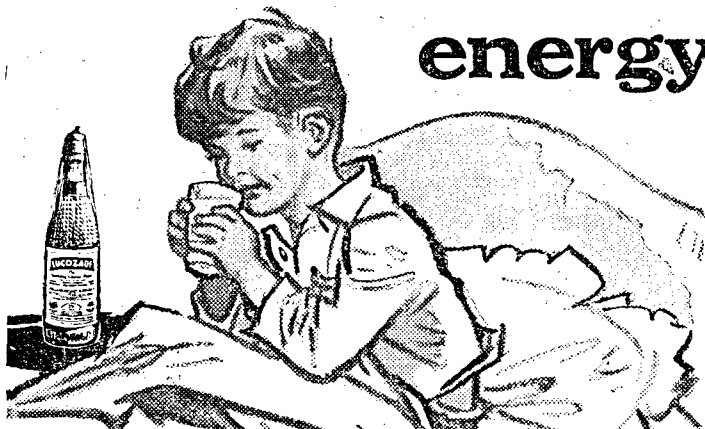
Hurriedly he went on: "And you could be the famous bald-headed scientist, if you like."

"Coo, thanks," Darbshire smiled happily. In his mind's eye he already saw himself as Professor Darbshire, the distinguished designer of space-ships, putting the finishing touches to his latest lunar masterpiece.

Suddenly a thought struck him and he asked: "I say, Jen, you don't have to be bald before you can be a famous scientist, do you?"

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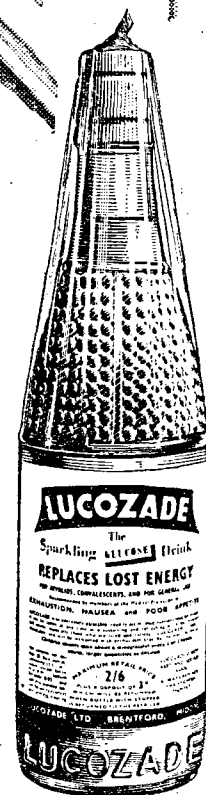
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## SPORTS SHORTS

**LAURIE REED**, 17-year-old South London Harrier, is privileged to be coached by record-breaker Gordon Pirie, who hopes that the tall young bank clerk will one day become his successor in distance races.

**PATRICIA AYRES**, of Whittlesey, near Peterborough, the new girls' snooker champion, is only 13. She was so determined to do well in the championship that she has been doing her school homework during the lunch break at March G.H.S., so that she could spend her evenings practising on the snooker table. In the final she beat 14-year-old Teresa Fenton, of Liverpool, whose father, an R.A.F. officer, has played in the English snooker championship.

WHEN the Second Round of the F.A. Amateur Cup is played on Saturday, Pegasus, the holders of the trophy, will meet the little known Gedling Colliery club, at Mapperley, near Nottingham. Their ground has no stands, and only heaps of slag for "terracing," but they are expecting a crowd of 10,000 to see them play in their most important match.

FOLLOWING in father's footsteps is Geoffrey Windsor Lewis, of Leys School, who has already played Rugby for the Eastern Schools and for the English schoolboys against the Scots. His father was a Welsh international.

Two thousand competitors took part in the annual 4½-mile race through Sao Paulo in Brazil. The race was won by the Czech runner Emil Zatopek.

Two young Nigerian athletes are now studying in this country, and are looking forward to competing in many of our important athletic meetings during the year. Godfrey Eneli is joint holder of the Nigerian 100 yards record of 9.8 seconds, and Paul Engo is his country's hop, step, and jump record holder.



**James Heather**, 13-year-old Chertsey schoolboy, is becoming skilled at putting the shot and discus throwing. Here he is seen receiving a hint from a school friend, 15-year-old Kathleen Collins, holder of the Weybridge District Cup for discus throwing.

**SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ramanathan Krishnan** recently became the youngest player to win the Indian national lawn tennis title.

FOR many years now, the English women's hockey team has included Mrs. Mary Russell Vick, undoubtedly England's greatest woman's hockey player since the war. Now she has announced her retirement.

## RIDER HAGGARD'S COTTAGE

A place of pilgrimage for admirers of Rider Haggard's books is the cottage which he built in Pretoria in 1879. He described it fully in his novel, *Jess*, and it is still known as *Jess's Cottage*.

Apple and apricot trees he planted many years ago still shade the old garden. There has been much new building in the neighbourhood, but when he sat writing his famous romances he could see for miles over the undulating veld. The view inspired the background for some of the exploits of the Zulu chieftain Umslopogaas, the immortal Wielder of the Axe.

Pretoria still treasures many relics of Sir Henry Rider Haggard, including a bronze bust of him, sent by Lady Haggard in 1932, his spurs and stirrups, and letters and photographs dealing with his early life in the Transvaal.

## STAMP NEWS

**TRISTAN DA CUNHA** now has its own permanent stamps. A fine pictorial set of 14 has been issued to replace the overprinted stamps of St. Helena, which have been in use during the past year.

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**EX-KING Farouk's** stamp collection, one of the most famous in the world, is being auctioned in Cairo next month. Some great rarities and specimens which have never been on public view before will come under the hammer. It is expected that the sale will realise well over £100,000.

## ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

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"No, not nesser-celery. Anyway, it wouldn't matter because you'd be wearing your space helmet."

"What, all the time?"

"Oh, yes! You see, there's practically no air on the moon. That's why the chaps in this comic had to go about with their heads in things like gold-fish bowls."

"Phew! They took the fish out first, I suppose?"

Jennings flipped his fingers with impatience. "Don't be such a clodpoll, Darbi! Not *real* gold-fish bowls; they wore these things so that they could breathe without air."

"Oh, I see!"

There was a pause while this sank in; and then Darbshire said: "But if there's no air on the moon, how do they talk to each other? My father says that sound waves go zooming through the atmosphere at a supersonic speed, and you couldn't possibly hear anyone talking unless there was some air to hear them with."

Jennings jumped up from the table with a restless gesture, and perched himself uncomfortably on the edge of the waste-paper basket.

"The comic didn't actually say how they talked," he admitted. "But there must have been some way, because you could see the things they said written up in little balloons floating over their heads."

Darbshire frowned thoughtfully. "M'yes, that'd work all right, but only if the balloons were air-tight," he decided.

Secretly he could not quite understand how snatches of conversation could be made to float around in soundproof containers, but as a newly-appointed scientist he did not like to confess his ignorance.

At that moment the library door shivered on its hinges and hurtled open to admit Venables, Atkinson, and Temple, three enthusiastic members of the Form Three Space-Ship and Rocket Development Corporation.

### New space game

"Oh, there you are, Jen!" said Venables, a tall, untidy boy of 12, whose trailing shoe laces and missing shirt buttons were a constant source of anxiety to the school Matron. "We've been looking for you all over. Atkinson's got a super nimbly idea for a new space game. All you have to do is . . ."

"Well, I've got a better idea," Jennings broke in. "Darbi and I are a bald-headed professor and a superman, and you're all hostile Lunaticians."

"And we talk to each other in little balloons," added Darbshire mysteriously.

His gaze wandered round the room and came to rest upon a

shelf at the far end where a pair of stuffed woodpeckers stared beadyly out at the world from inside a dome-shaped glass case. The birds had been presented to the Linbury Court Natural History Society many years before by Lieut.-General Sir Melville Merri-dew, D.S.O., M.C., the school's most distinguished Old Boy; and the gift was always kept in a prominent place in the library in case the General should arrive on one of his unexpected visits.

But it was the glass dome, rather than its feathered tenants, that attracted Darbshire's attention on this occasion:

"That'd make quite a decent space helmet, wouldn't it?" he remarked—jokingly; of course, for it was unthinkable that anyone should really lay so much as a sticky finger upon the prized exhibit.

"Yes, just the job," Jennings agreed, and hurried down the room to inspect the dome at close quarters.

"Better not touch it," warned Temple. "There'd be a frantic hoo-hah if you dropped it."

"Don't worry; I only want to try it on for size." . . .

And without a thought for the consequences, Jennings took hold of the glass case and prepared to lift it down from the shelf.

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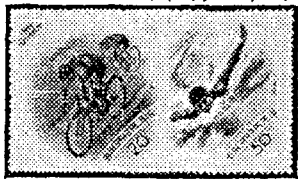
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# NEW COMET IN THE MORNING SKY

By the CN Astronomer

THE comet which recently appeared in the south-west sky of an evening has travelled so rapidly towards the Sun that there has been little chance of sighting it.

During the last week of this month, however, it may be possible to see the tail of this comet in the morning sky some time before sunrise, stretching upwards from the eastern horizon before dawn.

The presence of the Moon near Last Quarter phase will also be a disadvantage. Nevertheless, between about January 24 and 30 it will be worth while scanning the eastern sky where, if clear, a curving plume of filmy light which will be the comet's tail may be seen extending upwards from the horizon.

The brilliant head, or nucleus, is likely to be too near the Sun to be visible before the Sun rises, while after the Sun has risen it is most unlikely that the comet will be seen.

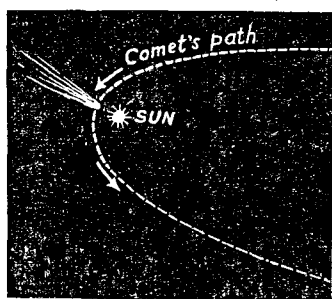
How large this plume of light may appear cannot be estimated, for so much depends upon the size of the comet's nucleus and the

nearness of its approach to the Sun at perihelion.

In this case, the comet has been calculated to approach to within about seven million miles of the Sun (nothing but a comet could get as near as this and survive).

It is then—and for a few days after—that its tail presents its greatest glory. As the comet's perihelion passage is calculated for January 24, it will be the few days following when we shall have the best opportunity of observing its tail, or tails, for it is quite possible that there may be more than one.

As a comet approaches the Sun it always increases in brilliance



The position of the comet at perihelion.

## ASTRONOMICAL ERROR

Fifteen years ago, using a 100-inch telescope, astronomers calculated the distance from the Earth of the nebula Messier 81 (in Ursa Major). The figure was 10,500,000,000 million miles.

Recently, however, with the aid of the 200-inch telescope at Palomar, California, the distance was again worked out and found to be four times the previous figure.

## STRANGE FRIENDS

A dog and a hare have become great friends at Cockermouth, Cumberland.

Six months ago Mandy, the dog, returned from the fields carrying a leveret in its mouth. Now the hare, almost fully grown, is kept in a hutch and taken nightly into the kitchen, where he and Mandy frolic on the hearth before snuggling together in sleep.

## Mr Porter



A heavily-laden porter of Istanbul in Turkey.

and its tail increases—that is, if one is perceptible. This always extends away from the Sun, for though the material composing the head is subject to the gravitational pull of the Sun, the immense volume of extremely light material which is ejected spasmodically from this nucleus is not. So light is the material composing the tail that it is driven away into space in vast volumes by the Sun's intense radiation. So vast is it that it has been known to extend for 200 million miles, as in the case of the Great Comet of 1843 which stretched across the sky like a searchlight.

We see, therefore, how desirable it is to be on the look-out during these days while the comet is travelling round the Sun at a speed of possibly 50 miles a second. (At a lower speed it would fall into the Sun.)

## BRIEF OPPORTUNITY

However, the comet will soon get clear of the perihelion area, and rapidly begin to recede beyond the Sun to regions where it will become impossible to follow it without a well-equipped telescope.

It will be known as "Comet Pajdusakova 1953 h," the last letter indicating that it was the eighth comet to be discovered during the year 1953, and the name preceding the date being that of the man who discovered the comet. The other comets were all small ones and too faint for naked-eye observation.

It is over 40 years since a comet providing a really fine spectacle has presented itself in our skies. The last was the famous Halley's Comet in 1910, which returns every 75 years. But what we want to see particularly is one of those rarer spectacles known as a "Great Comet," like those of 1811, 1843, 1858, 1861, and 1882. G. F. M.

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## THE BRAN TUB

### SAMMY SIMPLE

"SAMMY, you said you were ill yesterday afternoon, but someone saw you coming out of a football ground."

"That wasn't me. It was someone just like me, though; I saw him myself."

### Spot the . . .

SQUIRREL as he bounds over the ground in his odd, looping manner.

Squirrels do not hibernate, although in the winter they spend a great deal of time in sleep. They detest wet weather, but during a dry spell, particularly if it is sunny, are likely to be encountered.

Although found in deciduous woods, red squirrels much prefer plantations of conifers. Foresters are not overpleased by their presence, because they gnaw the bark of young trees. Nevertheless, the sins of red squirrels are as nothing compared with those of their grey cousins.

These rascals are bigger, bolder, and far more destructive in every way. They lack the pretty, puckish appearance of red squirrels, due partly to the absence of ear-tufts.

### Growing problem

A WATER lily leaf doubles in size each day and at the end of 50 days covers the surface of a pond. When did it half-cover the surface?

At the end of 49 days

## BEDTIME CORNER

### The rabbits and the dragons

AFTER the new road had been built through the scrubland where the rabbits lived the rabbit mothers had to teach their children a new law: Keep away from the road because of the "dragons"—their description of the cars and coaches which they now saw for the first time.

Real monsters indeed, they looked, with eyes blazing at night; their scent was terrifying, too.

One night a bold Young Rabbit asked: "What could the dragons do to you?"

"That," his mother replied, "no rabbit has ever waited to find out."

"Then I will," he said to himself, and off he skipped to the roadside hedge, and hid there to wait for the "dragons."

Now, because he and his friends had till now kept the new law he had neither heard nor seen any traffic; and, oddly enough, none came by at first as he waited. All he could hear was some hikers talking nearby as they waited for what they called "the last bus."

So presently he said to him-

self: "There aren't any dragons after all."

But at that very moment along thundered the bus, and Young Rabbit saw for himself the blazing eyes and smelled its horrid scent. But when he saw it stop and the hikers climb inside he thought that the monster was swallowing them up!

"So that's what they do, even to humans," he gasped, and fled home to tell the others. "Then we will keep away from the road!" they cried.

But that was not the end of it. Weeks later, when they were out early feeding in the middle of the corn, the Reaper came chugging in at the gate.

The others crouched down in fear, but Young Rabbit, recognising the smell of the panting engine, stamped warningly, and cried: "Run! It's one of the dragons!"

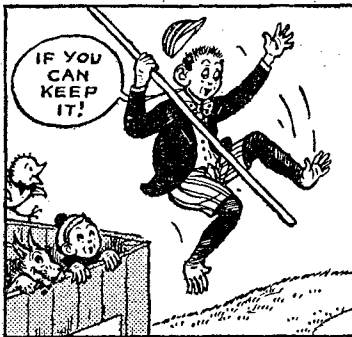
Obediently the others bolted home through the hedge; so no young rabbits were caught hiding in the last patch of corn.

JANE THORNICROFT

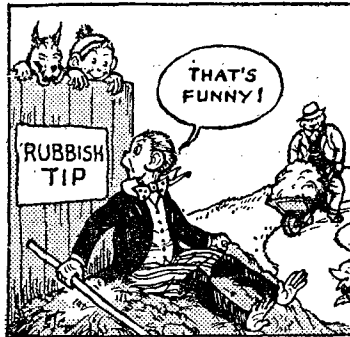
## JACKO'S BALANCING ACT COMES TO A SUDDEN END



Jacko's holiday visit to the circus had put an idea into his head.



But he forgot that it is always well to look where you are going.



With the result that his act left him very much down in the dumps.

### In the rough

"THIS is the most difficult course I've ever played on," complained the golfer.

"You left the course ten minutes ago, sir," replied his caddie. "You're in someone's rock garden."

### Two threes

EACH group starts with clues for two three-letter words. These, joined together, make a six-letter word to answer the third clue.

1. Ask for + unity = "Run away!"

2. Our day-light + thirsty = various.

3. Part of fish + beer = closing chorus.

4. Total + guided = bad.

5. Young goat + short sleep = steal.

Answer next week

### Egg on

I TAKE three eggs from five eggs. How many have I?

Three. Try it and see!

### JUMBLE QUIZ

To find the answer to each clue rearrange the letters in the anagrams at the end of the clues. Each solution begins with the letter K.

1. Small Irish town famous for the beautiful scenery surrounding its nearby lakes. (RELAY LINK)

2. State of the former Indian Empire, it gave its name to a fine woollen material. (HIS MARK)

3. Capital of the Sudan, a town little more than 100 years old; scene of the death of General Gordon. (THOU MARK)

4. Title of the Holy Roman Emperors and of the Emperors of Germany and Austro-Hungary until 1918. (RAKE IS)

Answer next week

### FAMILIAR TREES

BOX is usually seen in the form of a bush or a low clipped hedge, but when allowed to grow naturally reaches a height of about 20 feet.



Its straight, slender trunk is covered with thin, greyish bark and the upshooting branches bear drooping twigs. The evergreen leaves, with shiny upper surface, are small and leathery, and grow in opposite pairs. In its wild state in this country, box is largely confined to the chalk hills of the south.

Hard and fine-grained, box wood was once in great demand for picture-engraving purposes, and hundreds of tons were imported annually from Turkey.

It is still used for inlay work and by the wood-carver. Mathematical instruments, toys, walking sticks, and small household articles are also made from it.

### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is in the south. In the morning Mars and Saturn are in the south. The picture shows the Moon as it will appear at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, January 20.



### WORD SQUARE

A A A B C  
C D E E E  
E M M N N  
O O R R  
S S S T T

Can you rearrange the letters above so that they form a word-square? The words, reading the same down as across, mean:

Hardly enough  
Carved stone ornament  
Fossil resin  
Necessarily  
Trunk

Answer next week

### Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Wide. 4 Noise. 7 To ridicule. 9 Piece of furniture. 10 Take for one's own. 12 Nursing Auxiliary. 13 Slow run. 14 Dissolve. 16 Anno Lucis. 17 Poetry. 18 Plugs. 20 Showing the weakness of old age. 21 Unit for measuring work or energy. 22 Mistake.

READING DOWN. 1 Sheep's cry. 2 Modify. 3 Something owed. 4 Meals. 5 High aims. 6 Snare. 8 Royal Institute. 9 Losing heat. 11 Dealer in cloth. 14 Device for measuring. 15 Singer. 17 Rodent. 18 Compass point. 19 American soldier.

Answer next week

### Drapery puzzle

THE assistant in the draper's shop looked surprised when a lady asked for the items listed below, but she soon realised what the customer wanted. Do you know?

Welsh town. Dance.  
Scottish river. Nine makes a game.  
Tall story. Grasshopper.

Answer next week

### What bird . . .

. . . can lift the heaviest weight?

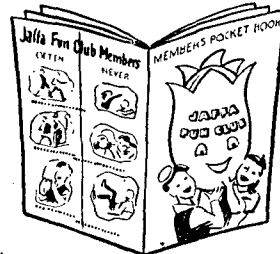
The crane

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Who are they? Harlequin and Columbine  
Carpenter's tools. Mallet, punch, file, hack saw, plane, drill, clamp, vice  
All in Scotland. Paisley  
Jumble Quiz. Hunter, Hadrian, Hebrides.  
Hawkins  
From one word. Stale, tales, slate, steal  
least, east, sat, at, a

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